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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- Aug 2023 – now Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF) Research Professor
Swiss Centre of Expertise in Life Course Research LIVES, University of Lausanne
- June 2021 – now Associate Professor
Swedish Institute for Social Research SOFI, Stockholm University
- Sep 2019 – Jul 2023 SNSF Research Project Leader
Swiss Centre of Expertise in Life Course Research LIVES, University of Lausanne
- Sep 2018 – May 2021 Researcher
Swedish Institute for Social Research (SOFI), Stockholm University
Institute for Futures Studies (IF), Stockholm
- Apr – Sep 2018 Deputy Professor of Social Inequality and Social Structure Analysis (W3)
Faculty of Sociology, Bielefeld University
- Sep 2015 – Aug 2018 Postdoctoral Prize Research Fellow (PPRF)
Nuffield College, University of Oxford

EDUCATION

- 2021 Docent (*Habilitation*, Associate Professor) in Sociology, Stockholm University
- 2015 Ph.D. in Political and Social Sciences, European University Institute (EUI)
Dissertation: Compensating Disadvantageous Life Events: Social Origin Differences in the Effects of Family and Sibling Characteristics on Educational Outcomes
(DOI: 10.2870/696242; available at: <http://cadmus.eui.eu//handle/1814/38784>)
Examining Board: Professor Fabrizio Bernardi (Supervisor), Professor Hans-Peter Blossfeld, Professor Dalton Conley, Professor Jan O. Jonsson
- 2011 MSc in Sociology, University of Oxford
- 2010 B.A. in Sociology, Heidelberg University
- 2006 Abitur (A-levels), Leibniz-Gymnasium Stuttgart, Germany

VISITING STAYS

Jan – Mar 2025	Nuffield College, University of Oxford Sponsor: Professor Christiaan Monden
Jan – May 2014	Department of Sociology, New York University Sponsors: Professor Dalton Conley, Professor Florencia Torche
Sep – Dec 2013	Swedish Institute for Social Research (SOFI), Stockholm University Sponsors: Dr. Erik Bihagen, Dr. Juho Härkönen
Jan – Jun 2010	Institut d'Études Politiques de Grenoble (Sciences Po Grenoble) Exchange student

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Child Development, Education, Family Sociology, Life Course Research, Social Demography, Social Stratification and Mobility, Quantitative Methods and Research Design

PUBLICATIONS

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

Grätz, Michael, and Øyvind N. Wiborg. 2024. Parental Ages and the Intergenerational Transmission of Education: Evidence from Germany, Norway, and the United States. *European Societies*, DOI: 10.1080/14616696.2024.2310011.

Grätz, Michael. 2023. Does Schooling Affect Socioeconomic Inequalities in Educational Attainment? *Sociological Science*, 10, 880–902. DOI: 10.15195/v10.a31.

Grätz, Michael. 2023. The Effects of Female Education on Child Education: A Prospective Analysis. *European Societies*, DOI: 10.1080/14616696.2023.2275591.

Wiborg, Øyvind N., and **Michael Grätz**. 2022. Parents' Income and Wealth Matter More for Children with Low than High Academic Performance: Evidence from Comparisons Between and Within Families in Egalitarian Norway. *Research in Social Stratification and Mobility*, DOI: 10.1016/j.rssm.2022.100692.

Kratz, Fabian, Bettina Pettinger, and **Michael Grätz**. 2022. At Which Age Is Education the Great Equalizer? A Counterfactual Mediation Analysis of the Direct Effects of Social Origin over the Life Course. *European Sociological Review*, DOI: 10.1093/esr/jcac018.

Grätz, Michael, and Martin Kolk. 2022. Sibling Similarity in Income: A Life Course Approach. *Research in Social Stratification and Mobility*, DOI: 10.1016/j.rssm.2022.100688.

Baier, Tina, Volker Lang, **Michael Grätz**, Kieron J. Barclay, Dalton Conley, Christopher T. Dawes, Thomas Laidley, and Torkild H. Lyngstad. 2022. Genetic Influences on Educational Achievement in Cross-National Perspective. *European Sociological Review*, 38, 959–974. DOI: 10.1093/esr/jcac014.

Grätz, Michael. 2022. When Less Conditioning Provides Better Estimates: Overcontrol and Endogenous Selection Biases in Research on Intergenerational Mobility. *Quality & Quantity*, 56, 3769–3793. DOI: 10.1007/s11135-021-01310-8.

Grätz, Michael. 2022. Does Increasing the Minimum School Leaving Age Affect the Intergenerational Transmission of Education? Evidence from Four European Countries. *European Sociological Review*, 38, 543–559. DOI: 10.1093/esr/jcab065.

Grätz, Michael, Volker Lang, and Martin Diewald. 2021. The Effects of Parenting on Early Adolescents' Noncognitive Skills: Evidence from a Sample of Twins in Germany. *Acta Sociologica*, 65, 398–419. DOI: 10.1177/00016993211051958.

Grätz, Michael, Kieron J. Barclay, Torkild H. Lyngstad, Øyvind N. Wiborg, Jani Erola, Aleksi Karhula, Patrick Präg, Thomas Laidley, and Dalton Conley. 2021. Sibling Similarity in Education across and within Societies. *Demography*, 58, 1011–1037. DOI: 10.1215/00703370-9164021.

Grätz, Michael. 2021. Does Regime Change Affect Intergenerational Mobility? Evidence from German Reunification. *European Sociological Review*, 37, 465–481. DOI: 10.1093/esr/jcaa061.

Grätz, Michael, and Oliver Lipps. 2021. Large Loss in Studying Time during School Closures in Switzerland in 2020. *Research in Social Stratification and Mobility*, 71, 100554. DOI: 10.1016/j.rssm.2020.100554.

Grätz, Michael, and Øyvind N. Wiborg. 2020. Reinforcing at the Top or Compensating at the Bottom? Family Background and Academic Performance in Germany, Norway, and the United States. *European Sociological Review*, 36, 381–394. DOI: 10.1093/esr/jcz069.

Grätz, Michael. 2018. Competition in the Family: Inequality between Siblings and the Intergenerational Transmission of Educational Advantage. *Sociological Science*, 5, 246–269. DOI: 10.15195/v5.a11.

Grätz, Michael. 2017. Does Separation Really Lead Fathers and Mothers to be Less Involved in their Children's Lives? *European Sociological Review*, 33, 551–562. DOI: 10.1093/esr/jcx058.

Grätz, Michael, and Florencia Torche. 2016. Compensation or Reinforcement? The Stratification of Parental Responses to Children's Early Ability. *Demography*, 53, 1883–1904. DOI: 10.1007/s13524-016-0527-1.

Grätz, Michael. 2015. When Growing Up without a Parent Does Not Hurt: Parental Separation and the Compensatory Effect of Social Origin. *European Sociological Review*, 31, 546–557. DOI: 10.1093/esr/jcv057.

Bernardi, Fabrizio, and **Michael Grätz**. 2015. Making Up for an Unlucky Month of Birth in School: Causal Evidence on the Compensatory Advantage of Family Background in England. *Sociological Science*, 2, 235–251. DOI: 10.15195/v2.a12.

BOOK CHAPTERS

Grätz, Michael. 2023. Empirical Approaches to Measuring Equality of Opportunity. In: *Handbook of Equality of Opportunity*, edited by Mitja Sardoc. Springer. DOI: 10.1007/978-3-319-52269-2_83-1.

Grätz, Michael, and Fabrizio Bernardi. 2017. Parental Responses to Disadvantageous Life Events: The Month of Birth Penalty in England. In Jani Erola and Elina Kilpi-Jakonen (Eds.), *Social Inequality across the Generations: The Role of Resource Compensation and Multiplication in Resource Accumulation*. Cheltenham, Edward Elgar.

Grätz, Michael, and Reinhard Pollak. 2016. Legacies of the Past: Social Origin, Educational Attainment and Labour-Market Outcomes in Germany. In Fabrizio Bernardi and Gabriele Ballarino (Eds.), *Education, Occupation and Social Origin: A Comparative Analysis of the Transmission of Socio-Economic Inequalities*. Cheltenham, Edward Elgar.

BOOK REVIEWS AND OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Grätz, Michael. 2019. Book Review of „Naomi R. Cahn, June Carbone, Laurie Fields DeRose, and W. Bradford Wilcox (Eds.): Unequal Family Lives: Causes and Consequences in Europe and the Americas.” *European Journal of Population*, DOI: 10.1007/s10680-019-09521-4.

Grätz, Michael, and Stephanie Saleth. 2009. Müttererwerbstätigkeit und Betreuung von Kindern unter 3 Jahren: Ein deutsch-französischer Vergleich [Maternal Employment and Child Care: A Comparison between Germany and France]. *Statistisches Monatsheft Baden-Württemberg*, 8, 15–18.

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

Grätz, Michael, Florence Lebert, and Oliver Lipps. The Impact of Coronavirus-Related School Closures on Socioeconomic Inequalities in the Perceived Risk of School Failure in Switzerland. *Revised and Resubmitted.*

Grätz, Michael, Felix C. Tropf, Fartein A. Torvik, Ole A. Andreassen, and Torkild H. Lyngstad. No Evidence for Causal Effects of Maternal and Paternal Ages at First Birth on Children’s Test Scores at Age 10. *Revise and Resubmit.*

Grätz, Michael, and Juho Härkönen. The Effect of Parental Separation on Educational Achievement: An Instrumental Variable Analysis. *Revise and Resubmit.*

Grätz, Michael, and Alicia Garcia-Sierra. Liberal and Radical Equality of Opportunity in the United States. *Under Review.* Working paper available here: <https://osf.io/preprints/socarxiv/t2ucp>.

Grätz, Michael, and Marieke Heers. Tracking in Context: Variation in the Effects of Reforms in the Age at Tracking on Educational Mobility. *Under Review.* Working paper available here: <https://osf.io/preprints/socarxiv/f5uzg>.

Schmutz, Rita, and **Michael Grätz.** Compensatory or Boosting Advantage? Analyzing Parental Influence in a Selective Education System. *Under Review.* Working paper available here: <https://osf.io/preprints/socarxiv/jvny8>.

Zhelenkova, Antonina, and **Michael Grätz.** Research Note: Socioeconomic and Gender Differences in the Impact of Family Size on Child Education. *Under Review.*

Ruks, Mirko, Martin Diewald, and **Michael Grätz.** The Impact of Sibling Relationships on Education over the Life Course: A Genetically Sensitive Design. *Under Review.*

Sirniö, Outi, Hannu Lehti, **Michael Grätz,** Kieron J. Barclay, and Jani Erola. The Pattern of Educational Inequality: The Contribution of Family Background on Levels of Education over Time and across Four Countries. *Under Review.* Working paper available here: <https://osf.io/preprints/socarxiv/nupfs/>.

MEDIA COVERAGE

Among others: Bayerischer Rundfunk, Die Welt, Psychologie Heute, Süddeutsche Zeitung, Westdeutscher Rundfunk

RESEARCH GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Aug 2023 – Jul 2028 *Starting Grant*, Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF), Project: “Liberal and Radical Equality of Opportunity (EQUALOPP)” (PI, 1 752 943 CHF /1 803 087 €) [accepted]

Aug 2023 – Jul 2028 *Starting Grant*, European Research Council (ERC), Project: “Liberal and Radical
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Equality of Opportunity (EQUALOPP)" (PI, 1 499 350 €)
[declined due to the non-affiliation of Switzerland with Horizon Europe and the acceptance of the 1.8 Mio. Euro SNSF Grant on the same proposal]

- Sep 2019 – Jul 2023 *Ambizione* Grant, Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF), Project: "The Intergenerational Consequences of Demographic Behaviour: Estimating the Effects of Parental Union Formation and Fertility on Educational Mobility" (566 272 CHF / 582 470 €) [accepted]
- Jan 2017 – Dec 2018 *Småforsk* Grant, University of Oslo, Project: „Family Background and Achievements: Cross-Country Comparisons of Different Measures“ (Co-PI together with Øyvind N. Wiborg, University of Oslo and Oslo Metropolitan University; approx. 13 000 €) [accepted]
- 2015 – 2018 Postdoctoral Prize Research Fellowship, Nuffield College, University of Oxford (approx. 110 000 €) [accepted]
- 2015 Travel Grant German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) to attend the Population Association of America Annual Meeting in San Diego (1 538 €) [accepted]
- 2014 Travel Grant European Network for the Sociological and Demographic Study of Divorce Conference in Paris (approx. 500 €) [accepted]
- 2014 Travel Grant European Consortium for Sociological Research Conference in Berlin (approx. 500 €) [accepted]
- 2014 Travel Award ISA Research Committee 28 Conference in Budapest (approx. 612 €) [accepted]
- 2011 – 2015 Ph.D. scholarship of the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) (approx. 57 600 €) [accepted]

TEACHING (* = forthcoming)

- Aug 2024* Causal Analysis with Observational Data (English, Master and Ph.D. level),
Lecturer
Intensive 5-Day Workshop at the *Swiss Summer School in Social Sciences Methods* in Lugano
- Feb – Jun 2024 Cross-National Comparisons of Social Inequalities (French, Master), Lecturer
Institute of Social Sciences, University of Lausanne
- Aug 2023 Causal Analysis with Cross-Sectional Data (English, Master and Ph.D. level),
Lecturer
Intensive 5-Day Workshop at the *Swiss Summer School in Social Sciences Methods* in Lugano
- Dec 2022 Lecture on Difference-in-Differences Models, Workshop "Advancing quantitative perspectives in education science", Jacobs Centre for Child Development, University of Zürich
- Sep – Dec 2022 Cross-National Comparisons (German, Master), Lecturer
Department of Sociology, Social Policy, and Social Work, University of Fribourg
- Aug 2022 Causal Analysis with Cross-Sectional Data (English, Master and Ph.D. level),

- Lecturer
Intensive 5-Day Workshop at the Swiss Summer School in Social Sciences
Methods in Lugano
- Oct 2021 Workshop on Sibling Fixed Effects Models (English, Master and Ph.D. level),
Lecturer
INVEST Flagship Center, University of Turku
- Apr – Jul 2018 Exemplary Studies in Stratification Research (English, Ph.D. level), Lecturer
Faculty of Sociology, Bielefeld University
- Apr – Jul 2018 How Do Families Influence the Life Chances of Children? (English, Master),
Lecturer
Faculty of Sociology, Bielefeld University
- Apr – Jul 2018 Sozialstrukturanalyse [Social structure analysis] (German, Bachelor), Lecturer
Exercise und Lead Instructor of Tutorials
Faculty of Sociology, Bielefeld University
- Nov 2016 Social Mobility (English, Bachelor), Lecturer, Lecture part of the course
“Introduction to Sociology”
Department of Sociology, University of Oxford
- Oct – Dec 2012 Introduction to Quantitative Methods (Englisch, Ph.D. level), Tutor
Department of Political and Social Sciences, European University Institute
- Sep 2012 Introduction to Data Analysis and Stata (Englisch, Ph.D. level), Lecturer
Department of Political and Social Sciences, European University Institute
- Apr – Jul 2009 Statistical Methods for Sociologists (German, Bachelor), Tutor
Max-Weber-Institute of Sociology, Heidelberg University

SUPERVISION

Postdoctoral researcher: Alicia Garcia-Sierra (University of Lausanne, 2023 – ongoing)

Doctoral researchers: Rita Schmutz (University of Lausanne, 2022 – ongoing), Sonia Petrini (University of Lausanne, 2023 – ongoing)

PhD Defense Committee Member: Filippo Gioachin (2024, University of Trento)

Bachelor and master theses at the University of Oxford and Bielefeld University

INVITED TALKS

- Oct 2023 Nuffield College, University of Oxford
- Jun 2023 LIVES Day, University of Lausanne (Keynote)
- May 2023 GESIS, Mannheim
- Dec 2022 Sciences Po, Paris
- Dec 2022 LIVES Seminar Series, University of Lausanne
- Jun 2022 European University Institute
- Nov 2021 Department of Sociology, University of Bern
- Jun 2021 Conference Increasing Educational Opportunities after Corona, VU Amsterdam
- May 2021 Centre for Social Policy Herman Deleeck (CSB), University of Antwerp
- February 2021 Trinity College, University of Dublin

May 2020	CREST (Center for Research in Economics and Statistics), ENSAE Paris
May 2020	Humboldt University, Berlin
Nov 2019	Stockholm University Demography Unit (SUDA)
Sep 2019	University of Lausanne
Jun 2019	Institute of Sociology, Ludwig-Maximilians-University (LMU) Munich
Jun 2019	Department of Sociology, Utrecht University
Feb 2019	Institute for Analytical Sociology, Linköping University
Jan 2019	Nuffield College, University of Oxford
Jun 2018	Swedish Institute for Social Research (SOFI), Stockholm University
Jan 2018	Unit of Sociology, University of Turku
Nov 2017	Wissenschaftlicher Beirat für Familienfragen beim Bundesministerium für Familie, Senioren, Frauen und Jugend (Federal Ministry of Family Affairs, Germany), Berlin
May 2017	Department of Sociology and Human Geography, University of Oslo
Sep 2016	Department of Sociology, University of Oxford
Mar 2016	Nuffield College, University of Oxford
Oct 2015	Unit of Sociology, University of Turku
July 2015	Department of Sociology, University of Tübingen

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS AT CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS (* = forthcoming)

Apr 2024*	Conference by the Excellence Cluster on “The Politics of Inequality”, University of Constance
Jan 2024	Alpine Population Conference, La Thuile
Nov 2023	Analytical Sociology: Theory and Empirical Applications, Venice
Nov 2023	Annual LIVES Conference, Lausanne
Sep 2023	European Consortium for Sociological Research (ECSR), Prag
Aug 2023	Akademie für Soziologie, Bern
May 2023	Spring Meeting of the Research Committee 28 on Social Stratification and Mobility (RC28), Paris
Mar 2023	Sektion für Soziale Ungleichheit und Sozialstrukturanalyse, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Soziologie
Jan 2023	Alpine Population Conference, La Thuile
Nov 2022	NCCR LIVES Final Conference, Geneva
Jul 2022	European Consortium for Sociological Research (ECSR), Amsterdam
Jun 2022	European Population Conference (EPC), Groningen
Apr 2022	Spring Meeting of the Research Committee 28 on Social Stratification and Mobility (RC28), London
Mar 2022	Alpine Population Conference, La Thuile
Oct 2021	European Consortium for Sociological Research Conference, Online
Sep 2021	German Academy for Sociology, Online
Aug 2021	Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Online
Jun 2021	Spring Meeting of the Research Committee 28 on Social Stratification and Mobility (RC28), Online
Mar 2021	Section on Family Sociology, German Sociological Association, Online
Nov 2020	Swiss Sociology of Education Research Network, Online
Oct 2020	Mid-term Conference of ESA Research Network 21 “Quantitative Methods”, Online
Jan 2020	Alpine Population Conference, La Thuile
Sep 2019	European Consortium for Sociological Research Conference, Lausanne
Jun 2019	DIAL project, mid-term conference, Turku
Apr 2019	Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Austin
Mar 2019	Spring Meeting of the Research Committee 28 on Social Stratification and Mobility (RC28), Goethe-University Frankfurt
Jan 2019	Alpine Population Conference, La Thuile
Oct 2018	European Consortium for Sociological Research Conference, Paris

Jul 2018	German Socio-Economic Panel User Conference, Berlin
Apr 2018	Akademie für Soziologie, Munich
Jan 2018	Alpine Population Conference, La Thuile
Aug 2017	European Consortium for Sociological Research Conference, Bocconi University
Apr 2017	Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Chicago
Apr 2017	Spring Meeting of the Research Committee 28 on Social Stratification and Mobility (RC28), University of Cologne
Sep 2016	European Consortium for Sociological Research Conference, University of Oxford
Aug 2016	Summer Meeting of the Research Committee 28 on Social Stratification and Mobility (RC28), University of Bern
Aug 2016	American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Seattle
Jun 2016	Socio-Economic Panel Study (SOEP) User Conference, WZB Berlin Social Science Center
Apr 2016	Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Washington D.C.
Sep 2015	European Consortium for Sociological Research Conference, Tallinn University
May 2015	Spring Meeting of the Research Committee 28 on Social Stratification and Mobility, Tilburg University
May 2015	Population Association of America Annual Meeting, San Diego
Jan 2015	FamiliesAndSocieties Stakeholder Conference, Madrid
Dec 2014	NordForsk Research Network for Register-Based Life Course Studies Conference, Oslo
Oct 2014	European Network for the Sociological and Demographic Study of Divorce, INED Paris
Oct 2014	Kongress der Deutschen Gesellschaft für Soziologie (German Sociological Association), Trier
Sep 2014	European Consortium for Sociological Research Conference, Humboldt University and WZB Berlin Social Science Center
Jun 2014	Socio-Economic Panel Study (SOEP) User Conference, DIW Berlin
May 2014	Conference on the Legacy of Raymond Boudon, ETH Zürich
May 2014	Spring Meeting of the Research Committee 28 on Social Stratification and Mobility (RC28), Central European University
May 2014	Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Boston
Oct 2013	European Consortium for Sociological Research Conference, University of Tilburg
Sep 2013	European Network for the Sociological and Demographic Study of Divorce, University of Oxford
Jun 2013	International Comparative Workshop on Family Dynamics and Inequalities in Children's Life Chances, European University Institute
May 2013	Spring Meeting of the Research Committee 28 on Social Stratification and Mobility (RC28), University of Trento
May 2013	5th International Workshop on Inequality in Educational Returns in Europe and Beyond (EDUREU), University of Trento
Jun 2012	International Comparative Workshop on Inequality in Educational Returns in 14 countries, European University Institute

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Akademie für Soziologie
 European Association for Population Studies
 German Sociological Association, Section on Family Sociology
 Population Association of America
 Research Committee 28 on Social Stratification and Mobility of the International Sociological Association

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Since 2022 Consulting Editor, Research in Social Stratification and Mobility

Since 2021	Review of Funding Applications: Czech Science Foundation, European Research Council
Since 2020	Organizer of the LIVES Social Inequality and the Life Course Research Colloquium at the University of Lausanne
Since 2014	Journal Peer Reviewer (* = multiple times): Acta Sociologica*, Advances in Life Course Research*, American Journal of Sociology*, American Sociological Review*, British Journal of Sociology*, Demographic Research*, Demography*, European Journal of Population*, European Sociological Review*, International Journal of Comparative Sociology, Journal for Educational Research Online (Journal für Bildungsforschung Online), Journal of Family Research, Journal of Marriage and Family*, Kölner Zeitschrift für Soziologie und Sozialpsychologie, Longitudinal and Life Course Studies, Plos One, Population Studies, Research in Social Stratification and Mobility*, Review of Economics of the Household, Social Science & Medicine, Social Forces*, Social Science Research*, Socio-Economic Review*, Sociological Science*, Sociology of Education
Apr – Jun 2016	Co-Organizer, Sociology Seminar Series, Nuffield College, University of Oxford
Sep 2014 – Jun 2015	Organizer, Working Group on Social and Economic Inequality, European University Institute
Jan 2012 – Dec 2012	Ph.D. researcher representative, Department of Political and Social Sciences, EUI
Oct 2010 – Aug 2011	Master student representative in the Graduate Joint Consultative Committee, Department of Sociology, University of Oxford

LANGUAGES

Dutch (fluent), English (fluent), French (fluent), German (native), Italian (basic)